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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: MI-25 HIND Helicopter Briefing for Representative Dornan and Selected HFAC Members

1. On 6 November 1985, the following HFAC Members were briefed on the technical characteristics and capabilities of the MI24D HIND helicopter. Most of the questions centered on the use of this helicopter in Nicaragua.

Robert Dornan (R., CA)
Robert Lagomarsino (R., CA)
Chris Smith (R., NJ)
Dan Burton (R., IN)
Michael DeWine (R., OH)
David Dreier (R., CA)
Larry Combest (R., TX)

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25X1 2. The Agency participants were Messrs [redacted]

[redacted] An unclassified picture of the HIND helicopter was requested by Mr. Dornan and subsequently used when he appeared on the Phil Donahue show the following morning to discuss the Nicaraguan situation.

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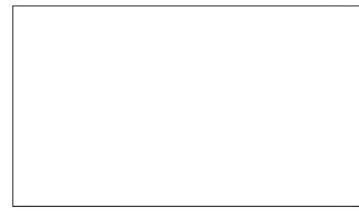
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25X1 1. I accompanied [redacted] of SOVA and [redacted] of Legislative Liaison to a 3:00 pm briefing of Congressman Bob Dornan of California on the subject of the MI-25 HIND helicopter gunship. Apparently he had requested a briefing through the DCI, who passed it on down through Legislative Liaison. [redacted]

25X1 2. Contrary to our understanding that we were to brief only Congressman Dornan, we were joined by at least five other Congressmen at various stages in the briefing. Only after we had briefed him with virtually everything we had intended to say did he advise us that he is to appear tomorrow morning 7 November on the Phil Donahue show to discuss the Soviets' use of the HIND against insurgents and specifically in Nicaragua. [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. On 6 November analysts [redacted] (ALA) and [redacted] (SOVA) briefed Congressmen Dornan, Combest, Smith, Dewine, Lagomarsino, and Dreier on the Soviet Mi-24/25 Hind helicopter--its characteristics and capabilities. The focus of the briefing was on its use in Nicaragua. There was discussion of Mi-24/25 employment in Afghanistan and Angola, as well. [redacted] Chief of SOVA's European Assessments Division, and [redacted] of Legislative Liaison also participated. [redacted]

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2. Congressman Dornan mentioned at the outset he had asked the DCI for a CIA briefing on the Hind helicopter--its characteristics, capabilities, and employment--to understand better the helicopter's impact on the conflict in Nicaragua. Dornan invited the other Congressmen to the briefing, and we were surprised by the relatively large number of members who attended. [redacted]

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3. We used as a briefing aid an unclassified photo of an Mi-25 helicopter in Managua. The photo, which we gave to Congressman Dornan, was an Agency reproduction from a 14 October Time magazine article entitled "The Sandinistas Hang Tough." [redacted]

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The Honorable Robert K. Dornan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Dornan:

You requested several items during our 6 November 1985 meeting.

Enclosed is a picture of the SU-25 Frogfoot (unclassified) and additional copies of the Time Magazine photo.

At this point it doesn't look promising for an unclassified overlay of the MI-24, MI-28 and Cobra. If we ever locate the appropriate material, I will make sure you get a copy.

Regarding your request for a briefing on production, I will need to discuss this topic in more detail, at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Science & Technology Officer
Office of Legislative Liaison



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